

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1      1. (currently amended) A device for extracting manure from bedding material, comprising:
  - 2            a. a detachable scoop head having a plurality of apertures joined together to define a space, the apertures sized to pass the bedding material there through but not the manure;
  - 3            b. a detachable motor assembly coupled to the scoop head via a connector for vibrating the device to promote the bedding material to fall through the apertures; **and**
  - 4            c. a detachable handle coupled to the motor assembly via a coupling, wherein the handle includes a power pack for supplying electrical power to the motor assembly and for forming a counterweight to the scoop head when the device is lifted[.]; **and**
  - 5            d. a stand having a release mechanism coupled to the device, wherein the release mechanism releases the stand in a fully deployed position to facilitate raising the scoop head.
- 6      2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the apertures are formed between elongated elements.
- 7      3. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the power pack is housed within the detachable handle.
- 8      4. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the power pack includes one or more batteries.
- 9      5. (original) The device of claim 1, further including a switch disposed on the handle for connecting power from the power pack to the motor assembly via a plurality of wires.
- 10     6. (original) The device of claim 5, wherein the motor assembly has a positive end and a negative end, the wires providing positive power from the power pack to the positive end

1       of the motor assembly and negative power from the power pack to the negative end of the  
2       motor assembly.

1       7.      (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the motor assembly is a DC motor.

1       8.      (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the motor assembly is housed in a motor  
2       housing.

1       9.      (canceled)

1       10.     (currently amended) The device of claim [[9]] 1, wherein a first end of the stand extends  
2       downward to a ground level at an approximately thirty degree angle from the device in  
3       the fully deployed position and a second end of the stand is secured to the device.

1       11.     (currently amended) The device of claim [[9]] 1, wherein the stand is coupled to the  
2       device substantially near a middle section and comprises two L-shaped arms that extend  
3       outwardly on either side of the device in the fully deployed position, wherein the device  
4       extends substantially perpendicular over the stand.

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6       12.     (original) The device of claim 2, wherein the scoop head includes a sloped bottom wall,  
7       two side walls, and a back wall, the side walls being coupled to the back wall at adjoining  
8       edges, a section of the sloped bottom wall and a section of the side walls being coupled to  
9       a section of the elongated elements, and wherein each of the walls has a plurality of  
10      generally parallel slots spaced apart from each other a distance to pass the bedding  
11      material between the parallel slots but not the manure.

1       13.     (original) The device of claim 12, wherein the side walls and the back wall are generally  
2       perpendicular to the bottom wall.

1       14.     (original) The device of claim 12, wherein the elongated elements are angled between  
2       twenty and ninety degrees from the sloped bottom wall and point outward.

- 1       15. (original) The device of claim 12, wherein the connector is mounted on a middle section  
2                   of the sloped bottom wall.
- 1       16. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the scoop head is injected molded plastic.
- 1       17. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the scoop head is formed of elongated metal  
2                   stock pot welded into position.
- 1       18. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the scoop head is formed of expanded metal  
2                   sheet with sufficiently sized openings to pass the bedding material but not the manure.
- 1       19. (original) The device of claim 18, wherein the expanded metal sheet is folded to form a  
2                   scoop.
- 1       20. (currently amended) A method of making a device to extract manure from bedding  
2                   material, comprising the steps:  
3               a. providing a detachable scoop head having a plurality of apertures  
4                           joined together to define a space, the apertures sized to pass the bedding  
5                           material there through but not the manure;  
6               b. providing a detachable motor assembly coupled to the scoop head via a connector  
7                           for vibrating the device to promote the bedding material to fall through the  
8                           apertures; and  
9               c. providing a detachable handle coupled to the motor assembly via a coupling,  
10                           wherein the handle includes a power pack for supplying electrical power to  
11                           the motor assembly and for forming a counterweight to the scoop head  
12                           when the device is lifted[.] ; and  
13               d. providing a stand having a release mechanism coupled to the device, wherein the  
14                           release mechanism releases the stand in a fully deployed position to facilitate  
15                           raising the scoop head.
- 1       21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the apertures are formed between elongated  
2                   elements.  
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- 1       22. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the power pack is housed within the  
2                   detachable handle.
- 1       23. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the power pack includes one or more  
2                   batteries.
- 1       24. (original) The method of claim 20, further including a switch disposed on the handle for  
2                   connecting power from the power pack to the motor assembly via a plurality of wires.
- 1       25. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the motor assembly has a positive end and a  
2                   negative end, the wires providing positive power from the power pack to the positive end  
3                   of the motor assembly and negative power from the power pack to the negative end of the  
4                   motor assembly.
- 1       26. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the motor assembly is a DC motor.
- 1       27. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the motor assembly is housed in a motor  
2                   housing.
- 1       28. (canceled)
- 1       29. (currently amended) The method of claim [[28]] 20, wherein a first end of the stand  
2                   extends downward to a ground level at an approximately thirty degree angle from the  
3                   device in the fully deployed position and a second end of the stand is secured to the  
4                   device.
- 1       30. (currently amended) The method of claim [[28]] 20, wherein the stand is coupled to the  
2                   device substantially near a middle section and comprises two L-shaped arms that extend  
3                   outwardly on either side of the device in the fully deployed position, wherein the device  
4                   extends substantially perpendicular over the stand.
- 1       31. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the scoop head includes a sloped bottom  
2                   wall, two side walls, and a back wall, the side walls being coupled to the back wall at

3 adjoining edges, a section of the sloped bottom wall and a section of the side walls being  
4 coupled to a section of the elongated elements, and wherein each of the walls has a  
5 plurality of generally parallel slots spaced apart from each other a distance to pass the  
6 bedding material between the parallel slots but not the manure.

1 32. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the side walls and the back wall are generally  
2 perpendicular to the sloped bottom wall.

1 33. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the elongated elements are angled between  
2 twenty and ninety degrees from the sloped bottom wall and point outward.

1 34. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the connector is mounted on a middle section  
2 of the sloped bottom wall.

1 35. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the scoop head is injected  
2 molded plastic.

1 36. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the scoop head is formed of  
2 elongated metal stock pot welded into position.

1 37. (previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the scoop head is formed of  
2 expanded metal sheet with sufficiently sized openings to pass the bedding material but  
3 not the manure.

1 38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the expanded metal sheet is  
2 folded to form a scoop.